

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4, and add claim 7 as follows (A marked-up copy of the claims is attached as an Appendix to this Response).

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein the medicament tested is

A10_b₂ selected as a candidate of an effective medicament when the medicament inhibits or increases the interaction between NADE and an apoptosis related protein which binds to NADE.

Please add claim 7 as follows:

--- 7. The method according to claim 3, wherein the medicament tested is selected as a

A2_b₄₅ candidate of an effective medicament when the medicament decreases or increases the pharmacological action of a NADE-apoptosis related protein complex. ---

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for returning duly initialed copies of the Form PTO-1449 with the Office Action, indicating consideration of the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed January 8, 2001 and April 5, 2001.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for acknowledgment of the claim of priority, and the receipt of certified copies of the priority document.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for withdrawing the Restriction mailed August 3, 2001.